

HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Tuesday, December 6, 2005

10:30 a.m.

327 House Office Building

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair, called the meeting to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Palmer, Mortimer, Gosselin, Meyer, Hoogendyk, Vander Veen, Wenke, Ball, Elsenheimer, Hildenbrand, Pearce, Proos, Hopgood, Miller, Angerer, Lemmons, III, Virgil Smith and Clack.

Representative Vander Veen moved to approve the minutes of the November 30, 2005 meeting.

Representative Pearce supported the motion.

There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid SB 895, SB 896, SB 897 and SB 898 before the committee.

SB 895	Johnson	Education; employees; providing medical, optical, and dental benefits; provide in accordance with school employees health benefit act.
SB 896	Johnson	Education; employees; school employees health benefit act; create.
SB 897	Kuipers	State; other; group medical, optical, and dental self-insurance for municipal corporations; permit pursuant to school employees health benefit act.
SB 898	Kuipers	Higher education; community colleges; providing medical, optical, and dental benefits; provide in accordance with school employees health benefit act.

Bret Jackson, representing Senator Johnson's Office, testified in support of the bill package.

Representative Mortimer assumed the Chair at 10:50 a.m.

Representative Palmer resumed the Chair at 11:00 a.m.

Louise Somalski, representing the America Federation of Teachers of Michigan, testified in support of the bill package.

Philip Schloop, representing the International Union of Operation Engineers, testified in support

of the bill package.

Suzanne Paranjpe, representing the AFL-CIO Employer Purchasing Coalition, testified in support of the bill package.

Gary Fralick, representing the Michigan Education Special Services Association, testified in opposition to the bill package.*

Don Wotruba, representing the Michigan Association of School Boards, testified in support of the bill package.

Brian Whiston, representing Oakland Schools, testified in support of the bill package.

Kathleen Booher, representing the Tri-County Alliance for Public Education, testified in support of the bill package.

Susan Zurvalec, representing Farmington Public Schools, testified in support of the bill package.

Krystal Rourke, representing the Office of Financial and Insurance Services, testified in opposition to the bill package.

Mark Cook, representing Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan, testified in opposition to the bill package.*

The following people submitted cards and indicated a neutral position on the bill package:

Colin Ford, representing the Michigan State Medical Society,*

David Finkbeiner, representing the Michigan Health and Hospital Association,*

Doug Borruso, representing the Michigan Osteopathic Association.

The following people submitted cards in support of the bill package:

Don Olendorf, representing the Allegan, Cass, Bay Area and Tuscola Intermediate School Districts,

Stephanie Wattke, representing the Michigan Federation of the American Federation of School Administrators AFL-CIO,*

Jeff Mills, representing the Van Buren Intermediate School District,

Don Olendorf, representing Michigan Small and Rural Schools,

Nancy Stanley, representing the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association,

Brad Biladeau, representing the Michigan Association of Intermediate School Administrators, and the Michigan Association of School Administrators,

Ken Fletcher, representing the Michigan State, American Federation of Labor-Congress of Industrial Organizations,*

Jim Sandy and Wendy Hofmeyer, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce,

Rebecca Rocho, representing the Calhoun Intermediate School District,

Michael Emlaw, representing the Hillsdale, Jackson, Lenawee, Monroe and Washtenaw Intermediate School Districts,
Mike Pumford, representing the Kent Intermediate School District,
Brian Whiston, representing the Parent Teacher Student Association,
Cynthia Paul, representing the Service Employees International Union,
Matt Tomasiewicz, representing the Ottawa, Kalamazoo and Muskegon Intermediate School Districts,
Christine Lehman, representing Lake Orion Community Schools,
Jerry Johnson, representing the Genesee Intermediate School District,
Tresa Zumsteg, representing Berkley Schools,
Kathy Merry, representing the Wayne Regional Education Service Agency,
Dr. Sandra Harris, representing the Oak Park School District,
Marie Miller, representing the River Rouge School District,
Tom Husler, representing the Huron School District.

With no further business to come before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting, the time being 12:45 p.m.

Representative Brian Palmer, Chair

Ben Cook
Committee Clerk
December 6, 2005
2 hours 15 minutes

Date Approved and Signed

* indicates printed materials attached to original minutes.